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City Officials Announce Milwaukee Awarded \$21.5 Million TIGER Grant

MILWAUKEE – Mayor Tom Barrett today announced the City of Milwaukee has won a \$21.5 million TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant.

The funds will be used for the replacement of the Juneau Avenue lift bridge and rehabilitation of the Wisconsin Avenue lift bridge in downtown Milwaukee. Both bridges are in need of significant repair, and the new spans will ensure a smooth flow of vehicles and pedestrian traffic in downtown Milwaukee.

“These bridges are important links to jobs, businesses, residential areas, and sports and entertainment venues throughout downtown Milwaukee,” said Mayor Barrett. “The replacement and repair of these two bridges will contribute to the future growth in downtown and the Park East corridor, and will also create a significant number of construction jobs.”

The rehabilitation project for the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge will extend the bridge’s lifespan by 45 years. 8500 vehicles cross the bridge daily, including 760 buses. The life expectancy of the new Juneau Avenue Bridge will be 75 years. The bridges will be designed in a way that adds beauty and character to the downtown landscape, and will result in fewer delays for boaters on the Milwaukee River.

“Restoring and upgrading infrastructure does not usually generate media headlines, but it’s what well-run cities do on a regular basis,” said Common Council President Willie Hines. “These two downtown bridges are critical to commerce and connectivity in the City of Milwaukee. The TIGER grants are merit-based grants that are being awarded to only the strongest applicants, so it speaks well of Milwaukee that our application was selected over other cities.”

“This is outstanding news for the City of Milwaukee, and will provide a significant improvement for these critical pieces of infrastructure,” said Alderman Bob Bauman, in whose district these bridges will be built. “We would not have had the resources to pay for these projects had it not been for this grant award.”